IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1 through 9 (previously canceled).

10 through 18 (canceled).

19 through 26 (previously canceled).

27 through 43, if entered previously (canceled).

44 (new). A method of providing a laminate, comprising:

a) applying to a substrate a composition comprising

1) the reaction product of

(a) a polymer comprising at least one carboxyl end group and at least one ether repeat unit comprising at least one pendent fluoroalkoxyalkyl group, and

(b) a pre-formed polyester or a blend comprising at least one dicarboxylic acid and at least one polyol, and

2) an amino resin;

b) allowing said reaction product and said amino resin to react so as to form a crosslinked coating, thereby providing said laminate.

45 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said at least one pendent fluoroalkoxyalkyl group has the formula

$$-CH_2O(CH_2)_nRf$$

wherein

Rf is a linear or branched C_1-C_{20} alkyl group with at least 25% of its hydrogen atoms being replaced by fluorine atoms, and

n is an integer of from 1 to 3.

46 (new). The method of claim 45 wherein said Rf group has at least 50% of its hydrogen atoms replaced by fluorine atoms.

47 (new). The method of claim 45 wherein said Rf group is perfluorinated.

48 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said ether repeat unit of said polymer is the ring-opened residue of an oxetane.

49 (new). The method of claim 48 wherein said polymer has a number average molecular weight of from about 250 to about 5000.

50 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said amino resin comprises at least one of alkylated benzoguanamine-formaldehyde, alkylated urea-formaldehyde, and alkylated melamine-formaldehyde.

51 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said carboxyl end group of said polymer is derived from at least one of adipic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, terephthalic acid, and phthalic anhydride.

52 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said at least one dicarboxylic acid comprises adipic acid, azelaic acid, sebacic acid, terephthalic acid, or phthalic anhydride.

53 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said at least one polyol comprises ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, diethylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, glycerine, butylene glycol, 2,2-dimethyl-1,3-propanediol, trimethylol propane, 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol, pentaerythritol, or trimethylolethane.

54 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said polymer further comprises repeat units derived from a C_2-C_4 cyclic ether.

55 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said composition is heated during said reaction step.

56 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said substrate has been at least one of printed and embossed prior to having said composition applied thereto.

57 (new). The method of claim 44 wherein said substrate comprises a polymeric layer.

58 (new). The method of claim 57 wherein said polymeric layer is backed with a fabric layer.

59 (new). The method of claim 57 wherein said polymeric layer comprises plasticized poly(vinyl chloride).

60 (new). The method of claim 59 wherein said polymeric layer is backed with a fabric layer.